Training in skill development to urban unemployed

1196. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1204 given in Rajya Sabha on 13th December, 1999 and state how Government plan to extend appropriate training for skill development to set up selfemployment ventures for the urban unemployed living below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) training for skill development, is imparted to urban poor in a variety of service and manufacturing trades as well as in local skill and local crafts enabling them to set up self employment ventures or secure salaried/wage employment with enhanced remuneration. Institutions such as ITIs/Polytechnics/Shramik Vidyaopeeths, Engineering Colleges and other suitable training institutions run by Government, private or voluntary organisations are also included in the ambit of Programme, for the provisions of necessary training.

Financial Assistance for Consturction of Sports Complexes

†1197. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide financial assistance for the construction of playgrounds and sports complexes to promote sports;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and disbursed in this regard during the years 1997-98. 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the amount of assistnace provided to Rajasthan for this purpose during the last three year?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Department provides central assistance for creation of various sports facilities including development of play fields is sports complexes etc. under the Scheme of ""Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure"-.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The amount allocated and disbursed in this regard during the last three years is as under:

(Rupees in lakh)

Year	Amount allocated	Amount released
1997-98	885.00	668.98
1998-99	1160.00	267.30
1999-2000	656.00	216.55(as on 29.2.2000)

(c) Grants released to Government of Rajasthan under the scheme during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Amount released (Rupees in lakhs)
1997-98	8.21
1998-99	5.21
1999-2000	5.59 (as on 29.2.2000)

Youth Hostels

†1198. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be plased to state:

(a) the total number of Youth Hostels established in the country alongwith the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are of the view that the objective for which "Youth Hostels' were established has been fulfilled;

(c) the annual expenditure incurred thereon every year for running these hostels;

(d) whether any plan has been sanctioned for the constrution of Youth Hostel in Ajmer; and

(e) if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Total number of Youth Hostels established in the country is 60. A statement indicating details, Statewise, is enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.